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PROGRESS THEY HAVE MADE.

Maximo M. Kalaw, Secretary of the Philippine Mission to the United States, has prepared "A Guide Book on the Philippine Question" which has recently been sent to the American press. The purpose of the pamphlet, we take it, is to prepare the American people for an appreciation of the claims of the Filipinos for independence, and it makes a strong case for the inhabitants of the islands annexed to our possessions as a result of the Spanish-American war.

What interests us most in the pamphlet are the references to the Filipino character and progress made under the influence of the Catholic missionaries. Kalaw tells us, e. g., that, under Spanish rule, "as early as 1866, out of (?) a population of 4,000,000 there were 841 schools for boys and 833 for girls. In 1892, eight years before the coming of the Americans, there were 2,137 schools. There were also during the Spanish regime colleges and universities where professional training was given," he lists these institutions, giving the year of the founding of the University of Santo Tomas, Manila, 1611, making the University "twenty-five years older than Harvard." Kalaw quotes from the French explorer La Perouse (who visited Manila 1787); the Englishman Crawford, "historian of the Indian Archipelago;" the German naturalist Jagor; the Austria Blumentritt, and the American Le Roy, to illustrate the progress made by the Filipinos under the Spanish regime. To the testimony of these men he adds a collection of comment by Americans on the Philippine republic of 1898.

A particularly interesting paragraph is devoted to Mr. Taft's opinion, expressed in a serial report to the President of the United States in 1908, on "Filipino character and integrity," who said in part: "The friars left the people a Christian people—that is a people with western ideals. They looked toward Rome, and Europe and America. It is the only Malay or oriental race that is Christian. They were like the Mohammedan people who despise western civilization."

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Some idea of the magnitude of this American circus, better known as the "Casey Circus," can be gained when one realizes that it takes twenty-five freight cars to transport it about. There are upwards of 150 performers, some of whom are Italians, Japs and Czechoslovaks of European circus fame before the war. The specialties include trapeze artists, contortionists, tumblers and slack wire performers. The greater part of the actors are men from the American forces to whom the business of playing the slap stick and pantomime comedy strongly appeals. The performances are given in the open air, except when the circus strikes Paris, Brussels and other big towns. The popcorn vendor and lemonade dispenser always accompany the show, which is run under the K. of C. precept of "Everybody is welcome and everything is free."

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